

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 16, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 4-10, 15-16, 18, 20, 23-26 and 31-33 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is the invention. Claims 2, 3 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 4-10, 15-16 and 18-33 are submitted for consideration.

As a preliminary matter, the Office Action indicated that claims 4 and 5 include allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if amended to be in independent form. Each of the independent claims have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Therefore, Applicants submit that each of the presently pending claims is allowable and requests allowance of all of the presently pending claims.

Claims 1-2, 6-12 and 14-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0123248 to Krasner. Claims 3 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krasner in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0205436 to Liu. As noted in the Office Action, neither Krasner nor Liu teaches or suggest selecting a transfer medium for sending the time information from the plurality of transfer media, as recited in each of the currently

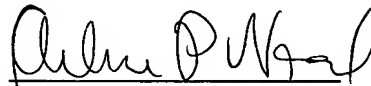
pending claims. Therefore, Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn and that all of the pending claims be allowed.

As noted previously, claims 1, 4-10, 15-16 and 18-33 recite subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the prior art references cited in the Office Action. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1, 4-10, 15-16 and 18-33 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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